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Something needs to be done, this spyware is now out of control, Companies like Gator and Claria pretend to honestly tell people that they are installing their programs, but in reality, they (pc users) have no idea because of an endless eula that an attorney could/might understand. I believe that this is a deceptive manner, eula's need to be easily comprehensible to a common pc user.

Secondly, this spyware that goes into pc's that users are totally unaware of literally "steals" the user's internet connect time that the pc users have paid for, these spyware programs "call home" and use user's bandwidth without their knowledge, slows down their pc's performance and these spyware programs hide and make uninstallation almost impossible to the everyday pc user. Spyware should not be able to profit from unsuspecting users by selling their internet habits to third and unknown parties advertising or anything else that compromises personal information.

Some companies using their elaborate eula's confuse pc users to install advertising, this has got to be changed. Would you yourselves willingly install an advertising program on your own pc's? Common users should not have to become their own security agents to keep their pc's operating properly.

Thank you,

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